

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, beginning of last paragraph through Page 2, line 16, please amend these two paragraphs as follows:

Since the anchor is made of a solid body by die-casting shaping, and the load carried by the rope is taken into consideration, therefore its length needs to have a certain limitation. To cope with the different length of the structure for the different brands and models of cars, a long and thin rod body is installed between two anchors for making the adjustment. However, there are about 8 different sizes and lengths for various car models, of which some are large and some are small. Side rack rod manufacturers have to manufacture and put 8 sets of different sized side rack rods on the ~~selves shelves~~ for sale. In the meantime, they have to maintain the inventory of 8 different sizes of goods. Since the side rack rod is very long and made of stainless steel, ~~therefore~~ it does not only cause a huge storage space and a high cost, but also seriously takes up the precious space of the seller and makes the seller unwilling to put the merchandise on the shelf for selling one of the 8 sets of different sized side rack rods to a single consumer.

On the other hand, since there are ropes and bolts ~~are~~ developed and sold in the market, such as those disclosed in the U.S. Patent Nos. 5,004,388 and 5,106,248, therefore the side rack rod required by consumer no longer needs to have the function of tying a rope. Therefore, it is a subject for the research and development to popularize a universal side rack rod that can fit different sizes.

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Page 3, last paragraph, please amend as follows:

To make it easier ~~for our examiner~~ to understand the objective of the invention, its structure, innovative features, and performance, ~~we use~~ a preferred embodiment together with the attached drawings for the detailed description of the invention is described below.

Page 5, second paragraph (beginning at line 5), please amend as follows:

Referring to FIGS. 1 and 2, the side rack rod 1 according to the first preferred embodiments embodiment of this invention comprises: a straight tubular pipe section 11; a curved pipe section 12, respectively disposed on both ends of the straight tubular pipe section 11; a fixed base 13 in the shape of a flat board soldered under each curved pipe section 12; a long groove long hole 14 each disposed on the fixed base 13; such that the interior of the straight pipe section 11 and the curved pipe section 12 are hollow and interconnected. Different brands and models of motor vehicle are taken into the consideration for making the maximum and minimum distance between two long groove holes to fit a range of various sizes of the carrier.